

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q92187

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For: CONTAINER FOR GERM LAYER FORMATION AND METHOD OF FORMING
GERM LAYER

RESPONSE TO ELECTIONS/RESTRICTIONS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Elections/Restrictions of May 1, 2008, Applicants elect as below **with traverse**.

Applicants elect, with traverse 2-((meth)acryloyloxy-(ethyl-2'-(trimethylammonio)ethylphosphate for the first monomer (monomer (M)) in claim 8, and butyl(meth)acrylate for the second monomer (another monomer) in claim 9.

However, with respect to the Examiner's requirement to correlate the second monomer with formula (2), perhaps some misunderstanding has come about since formula (2) has nothing to do with the second monomer.

Claim 1 relates to a compound having a group represented by formula (1).

Claim 2 defines that the compound of claim 1 is:

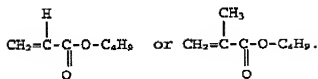
- (A) a homopolymer of monomer (M) represented by the formula (2), and/or
- (B) a copolymer of monomer (M) and another monomer (second monomer).

Claim 8 exemplifies monomer (M) represented by formula (2), and claim 9 exemplifies the another monomer (second monomer).

It should be clear that formula (1), which represents one group, shows a part of formula (2), which represents a monomer, so one cannot correlate the elected monomer with formula (1). It should also be clear that the another monomer (second monomer) is different from monomer (M) represented by formula (2), so that the another monomer (second monomer) has nothing to do with formula (2).

When 2-((meth)acryloyloxy(ethyl-2'-(trimethylammonio)ethylphosphate is elected for the first monomer (monomer (M)), the variables in formula (2) are as follows: R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are $-CH_3$; R^4 is $-C_2H_4-$; R^5 is H or $-CH_3$; and n is 2. Then the variables in formula, (1) are as follows: R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are $-CH_3$; and n is 2.

When butyl(meth)acrylate is elected for the second monomer (another monomer), the chemical formula is:



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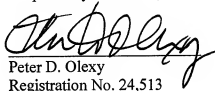
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Basis for Traversal

This application derives from a PCT application. Claims 8 and 9, which were added upon entry into the U.S. national phase, and subject to the species requirement, depend from claim 5. An International Search has been made with respect to Claim 5. Claims 8 and 9 have a common property as monomer (M) and another monomer, respectively. Thus, the claims should not be the subject of election.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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